Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission, the security and financial situation in J&K was comprehensively reviewed. In the said meeting, it was decided *inter-alia* that representatives from the Planning Commission, Department of Expenditure and Ministry of Home Affairs would, after discussions with the representatives of the State Government work out the financial requirements of the State Government for the current financial year ending March 2000 in the form of a financial package. Pursuant to this decision, a meeting took place on 22.11.1999 in Planning Commission in which officers from the Finance Ministry, State Government and the Ministry of Home Affairs pacticipated. Another meeting took place on 25.11.1999.

(c) There is no proposal for constituting a Committee for the North-Eastern States regarding the financial requirements.

NGOs In Andhra Pradesh

1410. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) functioning in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the details of funds received by each organisation from abroad during the last three years;

(c) the details of agencies which oversee the functioning and utilisation of funds by NGOs;

(d) the details of cases of non-functioning or mis-utilisation of foreign funds which came to the notice of Government; and

(e) the steps taken in such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs does not deal with the subject of functioning of NGOs.

(b) Details of foreign contribution received by voluntary associations, including those in Andhra Pradesh, under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 have been published in the Annual Report brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs (Foreigners Division). Copies of the Annual Report (upto 1997-98) have been placed in the Parliament Library. The Annual Report for 1998-99 is being compiled.

(c) Under the foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, associations which are coverd under the said Act, are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The monitoring of foreign contribution is done through the returns submitted by such associations. The Central Government is also empowered under the Act to order inspection of accounts or records or audit books of accounts of such associations.

(d) and (e) Currently, two cases (one from Delhi and the other from Maharashtra) only of violation of the provisions of the Act are registered. No case of an NGO (registered/prior permmission category) of Andhra Pradesh is pending under FC (Regulation) act, 1976.

Law to Ban Sati

1411. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the law abolishing the practice of SATI, incidents of SATI continue in different parts of the country, most of them remaining unreported;

(b) whether after the much talked about incident of Sati Roop Kanwar of Deorala in Rajasthan 12 years ago, another case of Sati Ms. Charan Shah has been reported from Satpurwan Village of Mohaba district in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) what steps have been and are being taken to effectively inforce the law banning Sati in any form, whatsoever?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) According to information received from the State Government, one Shri Manshah, S/o Shri Harju, of village Satpurva, District Mohoba, Uttar Pradesh had expired on 11.11.1999. His widow, Smt. Charanshah, was reportedly very attached to him. After her husband's funeral pyre had been lit and the villagers, who had accompanied the dead body, had gone to take a bath she rushed to